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Good Morning Councillor's

I am writing to you requesting your assistance on resolving an issue that I have been working with town staff on for the last few months. An overhead lighting installation adjacent to my property projects a significant amount of light onto my house and rear yard, as well as others in the neighbourhood. These lights are on every evening from dusk until 11 pm or so, 7 days a week. The level of illumination and light spilling onto my property is completely unnecessary and intrusive, not to mention the waste of energy that results from it.

I submitted a PSR regarding this issue to the town about 6 weeks ago. The By-law department did contact me and investigate the complaint, but ultimately informed me that there was no applicable by-law in place that could address the issue, so nothing could be done.

I continued to pursue the issue with the planning department and was informed by Lindsay Richardson that a draft "Dark Sky" By-law was prepared by staff in 2020 and was awaiting review by the Cannabis Control Committee. Apparently the draft By-law could provide resolution to this issue, but it's review and approval is still outstanding.

The town has in place a By-law addressing lighting nuisances from commercial developments, recognizing the negative impact that it has on neighbouring properties and their owners. The impact of this situation on myself and my property is no different, and the adoption of the "Dark Sky" By-law would assist in resolving this type of unnecessary nuisance that not only myself but others are subjected to as well.

I would like to request that the draft "Dark Sky" By-law be revisited by council for review and approval, or that council direct staff to review and adopt this By-law.

I have attached 2 pictures that clearly depict the problem I am trying to resolve. These pictures were taken last evening at 9:30 pm, long after sunset. You can clearly see the excessive amount of light projected onto my property and how significantly it illuminates the back of my house and rear yard.

Thank-you for your time and attention to this matter.

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